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IN ANSWER to
Mr. John Marten Chyrurgeon.

MY late Treatise, of the *Venereal Disease*, publish'd but a few Weeks ago under the Title of the *Scourge of Venus and Mercury*, had scarce appear'd abroad in the World, when one Mr. John Marten a Chyrurgeon and *Infalible Practitioner* in the said Distemper, (if you will take his own Word for it)

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by a publick Advertisement was pleas'd to tell us of an *Appendix* to his *Treatise* of all the *Degrees* and *Symptoms* of the *Venereal Disease*, which besides many other *strange* and *wonderful Things* to be represented in a *New System* of all the *secret Infirmities* and *Diseases*, *Natural*, *Accidental* and *Venereal* in *Men* and *Women*, useful for *Physicians*, *Chyrurgeons*, *Apothecaries*, *Midwives*, (and in short for all the *World* that knew no better before) contains also a *Warning*, *forsooth*, against all *Quacks*, &c.

When I consider'd with my self, with how much *Sincerity*, *Modesty* and *Moderation* I had proceeded in a *Treatise*, the chief *Aim* whereof being no other than the *general Benefit* of *Mankind*, I had taken all possible *Precaution*, not to give as much as the least *Shew* or *Pre- tence* of *Offence* to any particular *Per- son* in those *Relations* I was oblig'd to insert, concerning many ill *Successes* of *Venereal Cures* by *Mercury* and *Mercurial Preparations*; when I reflected, I say, with what *Caution* I had acted in this *Point*, as well in concealing the *Names* of those *Practitioners*, under whose *Hands* they had been before, as all other *Circumstances*, which might give the least *Hint* so as to prove *Injurious* to them, I could not in the least imagine, that *Mr. Marten's Warning* was levell'd chiefly against my *Person* (for as it will appear hereafter, he did not think

fit to innermeddle with my Treatise, or that I could have the least Concern in those *malicious Insinuations* he thought fit to insert, in the very first Advertisement of this miraculous *New System or Appendix*, till at the Request of some of my Friends, who had seen the *Preface* upon the first Publication of this *Treat*, I took a cursory View of it; I then soon found that it happen'd to me as to those that throw a Catstick among a *Pack of Dogs*, without aiming at any one in particular, when the Curr that happens to be hit, will be sure to make a most hideous Noise.

When I seriously reflected upon those many *malicious Expressions*, *notorious Untruths*, and *bitter Invectives*, so little becoming a Man, who almost in every Page of his Book boasts with so noble a Confidence of his *Honour, Honesty, Integrity* and *good Nature*; I could not, for a great while imagine, what could induce a Man who sets up for such a Character in the World, could be guilty of so much Meanness as to heap upon a Person that intended nothing else in his Treatise, than the Benefit of the Publick, so many enormous personal Reflections, and Falsties, without giving any substantial, or as much as a material Answer to those Objections and undeniable Experiments and Proofs, that were alledged in my beforementioned Treatise, against the Use of *Mercurial*

Medicines, but especially of high-raised Stimulations in the Cure of the Venereal Disease.

However upon second Thoughts I was soon convinc'd, as well by my own past Experience, as what I heard others affirm with all the Probability that can be suppos'd to take Place in a thing of this Nature; and besides this is sufficiently evident from many Passages of his own Treatise, that in putting an Affront upon his beloved Idol *Mercury*, and endeavouring to banish his Godship from the Cure of *Venereal Diseases*, I had wounded our *Infallible Chyrurgeon* to the Quick through the Side of his *Darling*.

For you must know that this Gentleman, tho' not the most happy Man in interpreting and diving into the Sense of the antient *Chymists* (especially if written in the *Latine*) as among other Passages is evident from those two of that great *Arabian Physician Avicen*, and that of *Raymond Lully* inserted by Mr. *Marten* in his late Treatise in the sixth Edition Page 312; which, if rightly understood prove nothing like what the said Author wou'd infer from them, but relate to the *Universal Tincture* and Transmutation of the *Mercury* into *Gold*, so much boasted of by most of the ancient *Chymists*, and known only by a few or perhaps to none at all.

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But however it be Mr. *Marten* whether prompted by his own ingenious Inclinations, or by the Authority of these and some other *Chymical* Authors, has apply'd himself, it seems, with so much Success, to *Chymistry*, that after having miscarry'd in his Experiment upon *Vitriol*, to his Cost (of which more perhaps in its proper Place and Time) he has met with an over abundant Recompence of his Labours and Charges in his more happy Scrutiny of *Mercury*; so that if he has not attained to the *Universal Tincture* and the *Philosophers Stone*, he has at least it seems found out a particular and peculiar Secret of transmuting *Mercury* into *Gold*, which turns to a much better Account than all the pretended Projections of the Boasting but Beggary *Alchymists* of our Time, as may easily be evinced from those many Sums of *Guineas* paid, both before and after the Cures of the *Venereal Disease* to this Author, pursuant to his own Agreement and positive Assertions in his Treatise, which we have not the least Reason to question, whatever Occasion we may have to do so in some other Respects.

Thus taking the Matter right, I find it is no great Wonder, that a *Man of Honour* should stand up bravely in Defence of his old and best Friend, to whom he stands indebted daily for so many, nay even almost innumerable Benefits, and therefore should not have been much

surpriz'd at his Anger as well as his Threats, had he but given me a fair Stage and due Warning to stand upon my own Guard, but to attack a Man unprepar'd and unprovided with all the opprobrious Language and bitter Reflections that can well be imagin'd, without touching upon the Point in question, it self is what I suppose no unbiass'd, honest and judicious Man will admit of.

He tells you indeed in his Preface to the Sixth Edition of his *Treatise of all the Degrees and Symptoms of the Venereal Disease*, that the chief Design of that Treatise is the Benefit and Advantage of distressed and abused Patients of all sorts, who labour under a twofold Misfortune, viz. A Malignant Distemper, and an unskillful Physician, but it must be remembred also that but a few Pages before in the same Preface, he says; *The true Intent of this Treatise is to render the Patient capable of discerning what Usage he meets with, before he proceeds too far to his utter Ruin and Destruction, and that every one that shall fall under the Unhappiness of this Distemper, may the more safely, easily and speedily be restored to perfect Health; I say to the Unfortunate of either Sex is this Treatise address'd, &c.* Whoever will duly confer first these two Passages with one another, and afterward both of them, with many others in his succeeding Treatise, wherein he inveighs not only against the pre-
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tended Quacks, but also casts his malicious Reflections upon Chyrurgeons, Apothecaries and other Practitioners that have an equal Pretence to the Cure of the *Venerical Disease* with himself, as likewise upon some regular Physicians, who in all Respects ought to be above his Censures, will soon be convinc'd that *Self-Interest* has the greatest Share in those Invectives, Aspersions and malicious Reflections where-with his Book is stuff'd up from the Beginning to the End. Those that will take the Pains to peruse that vast Number of *Practical Cases* and *Letters*, and weigh the Circumstances, and many foreign Digressions annex'd to them, will soon be convinc'd, that the greatest Part of them are inserted on purpose to magnify his own Skill, his own *Nostrums*, *Specifick Pills*, *Powders*, *Electuaries*, his *Master's Master's Diet Drink*, and I know not what else, before every thing as yet known, and that he misses no Opportunity of reviling, or at least extenuating the Methods as well as Preparations of others, without any Regard either to those of his own Function, or even of those that move in a superior Orb in the Practice of Physick beyond what he can or ought to pretend to, notwithstanding all his specious Pretences.

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These Things as they are beyond all Dispute, being evident from his own Writings, so they serve for most manifest Proofs, that, as I told you before, the *Benefit of the distressed Patients* has the least Share in all the Pains he takes to persuade the World, that his *Nostrums*, *Specificks* and *Anti-venereals* can perform those things in the Cure of the *Venercal Disease* (which he very prudently and carefully conceals upon that Account) which has been in vain attempted by others hitherto, in Hopes thereby to *monopolize*, as far as in him lies, that whole Part of the Practice of *Physick*, which relates to the *Foul Disease*, and is very extensive to himself, by extenuating at least the Merits and Abilities of such of his Neighbours as have an equal if not a better Pretence to the Cure of this Distemper than himself.

Far be it from me, as much as to think, of pleading the Causes of all the false *Pretenders* and *Impostors* to this Part of the Practice of *Physick*; my Intention is so far remote from any such thing, that I can't but agree with Mr. *Marten* in this Point, that there are too many of those Pretended Practitioners he speaks of, all over the Kingdom, but especially in this City of *London*, who being educated to the meanest of Trades, presume to vent and give their Medicines very often to the
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Ruin of such Patients as put their Confidence in them, of which I could give perhaps as many Instances as any Body, were I willing to expose Peoples Names.

But when all this is said and done, I could not but smile, when among other Matters he charges them with, he takes a great deal of Pains to tell us, that they put up their Bills or Papers *in every Corner and Pissing Post in London*, when it is obvious to all that walk the Streets of this *Great City*, that there is scarce an Alley so remote or obscure, not any Place throughout the whole City and Suburbs, as well as *Southwark*, where you don't see the Title Page of his late *Treatise of the Venereal Disease* pasted up against the Corners and Posts, which telling the People many more miraculous Things *than were ever perform'd by any one before*, and much more than afterward they are able to find out in the *Book it self*; this nevertheless serves to raise the Peoples Curiosity, who finding that they can buy a Book which at a current reasonable Rate ought to be sold at 6 s. Price, (as he himself, and not without just reason assures us in his last Preface) for about Four, are willing enough to venture their Money (especially the young Practitioners) in Hopes that they shall meet there with what will abundantly recompence their Labour in Reading, and their Money

Money in buying it, tho' after all he has been so sparing in his own Receipts, or Practical Directions, that very few who buy it upon that Account, will be much the Wiser for it, but if these are not, the poor *Frenchify'd Patients* can't want a safe and easie Place forsooth, where to address themselves to make Trial of what they could apprehend but little of before in Reading ; and he has taken most effectual Care that they should not lose their Way both to the Book and his House, having dispers'd the First in the Hands of a great many Booksellers in all Parts of the Town, who for their own Interests Sake will be sure to promote the Sale ; and as for his House he has given you such full Directions, that a Man must be blind or stupid to miss it ; for if you look into his two last Editions of his before-mention'd *Treatise*, you will find him at the End of the first Preface direct his Readers to his House in *Bridgewater-Square* ; but at the same time tells them very carefully that he is to remove from thence into *Hatton Garden*, &c. by such and such a Time ; but at the End of the Preface of his last Edition he gives them a long Direction, telling them that he has remov'd from *Bridgewater Square* ever since *Michaelmas* last, and that now he lives at his House in *Hatton-Garden* on the left Hand beyond the Chappel turning from *Holbourn*, where the most celebrated Name of

of *John Marten* Chyrurgeon Being writ over the Door, and a spacious Corner House newly trimm'd up and set out to the best Advantage, will doubtless bring abundance of good *Fish to the Net*, as the Old *English* Proverb runs, and those that live within will also not fail to make good another Saying no less celebrated among the *Latins*, *Semper tibi pendeat hamus*, i. e. *Let thy Fishing Hook be always ready.*

There is another Thing diverting enough in *Mr. Marten's* so often mention'd Treatises, I mean in those Passages where he seems to exert all his *Vigour* and *Art of Rhetorick* to represent the *Quacks*, *Mountebanks*, &c. in their Natural Colours, in order to render them the more Odious to the People; those that will think it worth their Time and Trouble to peruse them for their Diversion will there meet with some thing that will both please and surprize them. It will doubtless be very diverting to them when they find *Mr. Marten* to mimick some of these *Quacks* Words as well as Actions so to the Life, that if they had gone to *Paris* and seen the famous *Moliere* act the Part of his *Physician* in spite of himself, they could scarce have been better pleased or diverted as to this Point; and it will questionless be no less surprizing to them, when they reflect seriously how a Man whose Time is taken up so much in the Reading as well
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of those vast Numbers of Authors as in those Cures mention'd in his Book, and who seems to bear so great an *Antipathy* to any thing that has but the least Resemblance to a *Quack*, should have either sufficient Opportunity or Leisure to study their Words as well as Actions to so nice a Point, as to represent them so near to the Life. So, that this singular Talent of his, must as it seems be rather attributed to his *Natural Parts* and *Genius*, than to Art; and I have heard some who set up for nice Judges in things of this Nature, affirm with a great deal of Assurance and Gravity, that there is more true Ingenuity contain'd in these Passages, than in a great many others of his Book, these being purely Natural, and the Product of his own *Genius*, whereas a great Part of the rest is affected, too much strain'd, and often times foreign and borrow'd from others.

But to proceed to more serious Considerations, and from Generals to more particular Points, relating to the malicious personal Reflections and Falshoods cast upon me without any Provocation on my Side by the said Author;

In the third Chapter of his *Treatise* of the *Venereal Disease* in the Sixth Edition, p. 256. he charges me with telling of *Fortunes*, or *Goods stol'n or stray'd*; and in

in the Preface of his late *Appendix* to the said *Treatise*, that *I have got my Living for many Years by telling of Fortunes and casting of Pifs*; I will first detect the notorious Falshood of the First, and then say something in Relation to the Last.

Judicious *Astrology*, tho' much condemn'd by some, is of such a Nature and Weight as to have been judged the most worthy Object of the Studies of some Persons of uncommon Ability and Learning, as well Physicians as others. I will give you at this Time only one Instance in a Man of Note of our last Age, which if he were living, I question whether Mr. *Marten* would not be glad to serve another Apprenticeship under him, since he was both a great *Astrologer* and *Physician*: The Person I speak of is Mr. *Morin*, who has writ the *Astrologia Gallica*, printed in *Folio*, if I mistake not, at *Paris*: I don't relate this in Defence of *Astrology*, that having been done by much more able Pens than mine many Years ago, much less in behalf of *Fortune* telling, where-with Mr. *Marten* is pleased to charge me, there being not the least Occasion for me so to do, but only to shew, that in case I had been addicted to *Judicial Astrology*, or regulated my Practice according to some of its Rules, as I have known some great Physicians to have done, I needed not upon that Account
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to have been exposed to the Scorn of the Multitude by our pretending Author.

But at the same Time I most solemnly and most positively aver and declare, that I was ever so far from getting at any Time my Living by *Astrological Predictions*, or any Thing relating to *Fortune-Telling*, that I am altogether a Stranger to any Thing relating to such like Predictions or Discoveries, either by casting of Figures, calculating Nativities, Chiromancy, or any thing like it, nor ever practised any such Thing, either for Lucre or Curiosity's sake ; being, as I told you just now, quite ignorant of every thing relating or belonging to that Practice, all which I affirm to be true in every particular by all that is Good and Sacred, and am ready to affirm it (upon weighty Occasions) by a most solemn Oath if requir'd by Persons of Integrity and Credit. There is scarce any Body that has even but an indifferent Insight into the Practice of Physick, so ignorant as not to know, that the outward Appearance of a Person afflicted with the *Venerical* as well as divers other Distempers, especially in reference to his Countenance, is no small Inlet into the Constitution as well of his Body, as some certain Symptoms relating to that Distemper he is afflicted with at that Time, and that even many among the best of Physicians have and still

still do make use of this Expedient, to give at least a shrewd Guess at the present Habit of the Body, and Constitution of the Patient, as at the Distemper he labours under. If this be acting the *Conjurer*, if this be *Fortune-Telling*, helping People to Goods stol'n or stray'd, I am ready to own the Thing, but if it be not, as every Body knows it has not the least Relation to either of them, I persist in my former Asseveration, that I know not any Thing of the Matter, and that much less I practis'd any Thing like it in all my Life time.

At the same Time I can't forbear to appeal to the judicious and unbiass'd Reader, whether in this as well as in many other false and scandalous Reflections, Mr. *John Marten* has been pleas'd to bestow so bountifully upon me, he has acted the Part of a *Man of Honour* (a Name he so frequently boasts of) or of a good Christian? Does this Chyrurgeon imagine that the World can be so far beguil'd by his false Insinuations, and bold Assurances, as not to distinguish betwixt personal Reflections, and a true and sufficient Answer to the Points in Contest betwixt us, concerning the Use or Abuse of *Mercury* in the Cure of the *Venerereal Disease*? But in this he is as still as a *Mouse*, as the Saying is.

However to back one Insinuation by another, he says, *I am also good at Casting of Piss*; 'tis well I am good for something at all, I don't very well understand what he means by *casting of Piss*, but if he understands by it what is commonly call'd *Inspection of Urine*, I will not deny, but that I make use of it upon certain Occasions, and under certain Circumstances, and that not without some Success, in Conjunction with what may be gathered from the outward Appearance and Countenance of the Patient, as I told you before; neither can I see what real Objection can be made to, or Scandal be cast upon a Practice, which, as it has nothing in it that is hurtful, (if us'd with due Circumspection) so it gratifies the Desires of the Patients, and gives us often an Insight into their present Condition, and certain Infirmities they are afflicted with; I say certain Infirmities, for I look upon it as a Presumption to pretend (as many do) to a determinate, and positive Judgment in all Distempers without Exception; But that much may be said in divers Diseases, especially those of the *Kidnies, Bladder, Womb, the Scrotum, &c.* is what no Body, that knows any thing of the Matter and is not prepossess'd with Prejudice, can, or will deny.

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It favours of a great Deal of personal Prejudice, for a Man to object that to another as a *Scandal*, which has been the constant Practice of so many ancient Physicians for so many Ages; and how is it possible Mr. *Marten*, who has given us so ample a Catalogue of so many Fusty and Worm-eaten Authors in Physick, should be ignorant that they not only practised it, but also have writ whole Books and Tracts concerning the Use of the Inspection of *Urine* in most Distempers? But it seems, as if *Prejudice* and *Self-interest* as well as a *preposterous Zeal*, seldom knows any Bounds.

Mr. *Marten* out of his Goodness is further pleased to afford me a Place among those that no Body knows, who they are, or from whence they came: To satisfy this Curiosity in this Point, I am very free to tell him, that both my *Extraction* and *Education*, and constant Way of Living are at least as good (and I believe I might say it without Vanity,) better than his, both my Name and Coat of Arms sufficiently testify, (and I can make it out beyond all Contradiction if Occasion offers) that I am descended from the ancient Family of the *Sinclair's* in *Scotland*, who above 130 Years ago, during the Troubles in that Kingdom under the Reign of Queen *Mary*, left their Native Country and settled in the *Netherlands*, where one of my An-

cestors being engag'd in the Service of This Queen *Elizabeth* in the Post of a General Officer among the *English* Troops was slain, and his Descendants, of whom I am one in a Lineal Descent, have liv'd ever since in great Repute, and I my self for above these 25 Years last past in *London* with very good Reputation, and do so to this Day, in a House not inferior to Mr *Marten's* (being the late Dwelling House of his Grace the Duke of *Leeds*) as may be sufficiently testify'd by my Neighbours owing unquestionable Credit and Reputation in the World, if requir'd.

As for my Education, I owe thus much to my Parents as well as to my self, and to tell the World, that I had as ample a Share of it in all Respects as most People can boast of, being train'd up not only under the Tuition of the best and ablest Schoolmasters that could be found but also to the Knowledge of severall foreign Languages, and Gentlemen-like Exercises, and if I did not go to the University it was not their Fault, but my own, because my Genius enclining rather to Martial Employments than Studies, I was for travelling Abroad, and seeking my Fortune in *France*.

'Twas in this Kingdom and in the City of *Paris* that I happen'd to get into the Acquaintance of the Famous Mr *Arnold de Fye* Lord of *Arskot* and *Craighenburgh*, we being both Countrymen. This

of This Gentleman was the most celebrated
 Chymist, Chyrurgeon and Practitioner in those
 Parts above 45 Years ago, and had ac-
 quired such Reputation even in *France*,
 and some other Countries, that he was
 sent for by the present *French King*, to
 give his Advice and Direction in a Di-
 stemper wherewith the *Queen Mother* of
France was afflicted at that Time, and
 had been so for some Years before. This was
 a *Cancer* in her Breast, which, after ha-
 ving eluded all the Advices and Reme-
 dies of the best and most learned Phy-
 sicians of *France*, was come to such a Pass,
 as to be judged incurable by them.
 However, pursuant to the Advice of some
 of the King's Chyrurgeons, the before
 mention'd Mr. *Arnold de Fye* was pro-
 posed as the only Person that might
 be able to give a decisive Judgment
 in so difficult and critical a Point, and
 he (as I told you before) being sent
 for by the present *French King*, up-
 on a nice View of the *Cancer*, and
 due Consideration of all the Symptoms
 and Circumstances that had and still at-
 tended this malignant Distemper, gave his
 Opinion that the *Cancer* had spread it-
 self so far, as to be past all Hopes of an
 absolute Cure, but that he hop'd to check
 its Malignancy in some Measure, so that
 the *Queen* might live for some Time longer,
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He perform'd his Promises so effectually, that the King and whole Court being highly satisfy'd with his Endeavours and Ability, offer'd him an Annual Pension of several thousand Livres for his Life if he would stay in *France*, but he being a Person of a great Estate, and very fond of his Native Country, chose rather to return thither, and bestow his Talent among his Countrymen, than to expose himself to the Envy of Strangers in a foreign Country, and thereupon was dismiss'd by the King of *France* with the Honour of *Knighthood*, a Present of 40000 Livres, and a very fine Coach with six Horses.

During this Gentleman's Stay at *Paris*, I got into his Acquaintance, (as I mention'd before) and he being a Person of generous Inclinations, and a very free Conversation, gave me such an agreeable relish of *Chymistry*, and the singular Effects of *Chymical* Preparations, especially in *Physick*, as made me in some time after change my Resolution of going into the *French* Army (where by his Interest I might have obtain'd a good Post) and to apply myself to the *Study* and *Practice* of *Physick*, being highly encourag'd thereunto by his friendly Promises of constant Assistance in instructing me in every Thing I should stand in need of, and by his vast Success in his Cures, by which he had got so prodigious an Estate.

It was by his Recommendation that I had a free Access to the two most celebrated Hospitals of Paris, viz. the *Hotel de Dieu*, and the *Hotel de St. Louis*, in order to make Trial of those Chymical Remedies I had prepared according to his Directions, which I did there for several Years after, viz. till after the Death of the *Queen Mother*.

'Tis easie to be imagin'd, that upon my Return into the *Netherlands* I had all the Reason in the World to continue and improve the Progress of my Medicinal Studies and Practice under the Tuition and Direction of so celebrated a Man, who now beginning to be much advanc'd in Years, and overwhelm'd with the Toils of Medicinal Practice, had the Goodness to afford me a considerable Share of it, in Relation especially to the *Venercal Disease*, which being the most troublesome of all, began to prove too burthensome to him, and as it is to this Great Chymist, Chyrurgeon and Practitioner I own my self highly indebted for his Directions not only, but also some peculiar Medicines for the Cure of this Distemper, for I have not been backward in inserting several of them, as well as divers others both regular Physicians and Chyrurgeons of great Note, my Contemporaries and intimate Friends, in my late Treatise of the *Venercal Disease*, call'd *The Scurge of*

Venus and Mercury, (according to my Promise in the Preface of the said Book) being for the most Part approv'd and confirm'd both by theirs and my own reiterated Experience. Among the rest I own my self oblig'd to a very high Degree to Mr. *Kalers*, a very near Relation of mine, and one of the most noted *Chyrurgeons* and *Practitioners* in the *Venereal Disease* not many Years ago, unto whom I acknowledge my self beholding for my *Royal Devotion*, where-with he did formerly perform no less miraculous Cures beyond Seas, than I my self have done since in this Kingdom, and especially in this City of *London*.

'Tis in vain therefore for our *Chyrurgeon* to pretend to amuse the World with his *malicious Reflections*, and to say, that to be assur'd of these things one must take a Trip to *Germany* or *Holland*, the Persons I have mention'd before, as well as those I can and shall name hereafter, when Occasion offers, and unto whom I owe in some Measure my Education and Instructions in the Practice of Physick, but especially of the *Venereal Disease*, being such as by their *Writings* as well as by their *Great Fame*, are sufficiently known not only in this Kingdom, but also in most other Parts of *Europe*.

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I am surpris'd with what a Face a Man could rank me among those for whose Performances one must go into foreign Countries, when he could not well be ignorant, (not at least if he would have enquired after me, as he ought to have done, before he cast his scandalous Reflections upon me) that I had liv'd above these 25 Years in this City, and cured many more of the *Venerical Disease* than ever he did with all his *Nostrums* and *Specificks*; for, tho' I owe my Education and first Instructions or Rudiments of Physick to certain Persons *beyond Seas*, such as I have related to you before, and can make out my frequent Correspondence and intimate Acquaintance with them by several of their M. S. I keep by me, (and especially those of the Lord of *Arshot* and *Cranenburg*) I am free to own that the best Improvements of my Studies as well as my Practice in the *Venerical Disease* especially, are owing to my riper Years, *viz.* since my coming and settling here in this Kingdom, as is evident among many other Things I could alledge upon that Head, from those several Practical Cases and Cures of the *Venerical Disease* with all its most violent and malicious Symptoms occasion'd for the most part by the pernicious Effects of *Mercury*, inserted in my late before mention'd Treatise, entitled

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The Scourge of Venus and Mercury. Every one of these Relations and Cures being perform'd in this Kingdom, and most part of them in this City within these few Years, where I had practis'd so many Years before the same Distemper. How could a Man I say once more, thus far put his own malicious Inventions and Reflections upon the World, as to rank me among the Number of those, for the Enquiry of whom you must go into *Holland* or *Germany*, &c. if you intended to be inform'd of their Practice and Cures; Especially, when, in the Preface to his late *Appendix* or *New System* of all the *secret Infirmities and Diseases*, &c. of *Men and Women* he had charg'd me with having got my living for these many Years by casting of Piss, and Fortune-Telling: The Falsity and Frivolousness of these two scandalous Reflections having been sufficiently discover'd before, we will only make this Observation upon it at present; that by his own Confession he having heard of me for a considerable Time before in *London*, how could he direct his Reader, or the *suffering Patients* to *Holland* or *Germany* for an Enquiry after me, when he might have shown them a much nearer Way to my House in *London*, unless he feared, that, if they once came thither they would scarce ever come to him, or that, after they had left

left him, they might perchance come to me (as a great many have done) and never return to his House, at least not for the Cure of the *Venercal Disease*.

I am afraid I have by this Time sufficiently try'd the Readers Patience in dwelling so long upon a Subject, which having a Relation only to my own Person, can't be very diverting or satisfactory to those, that are little or not at all concern'd in our Quarrel; But, after all, I hope and flatter my self that this Relation will meet with a favourable Construction from such of the unbiass'd Readers, as will duly weigh the Necessity and Obligation I lay under to enter upon so ungrateful a Theme, and that in so ample and circumstantial a manner, in order to my further Justification against those false and malicious *Aspersions* and *Reflections* cast upon me by Mr. Marten, Chyrurgeon, as will appear by the Sequel of this Tract.

And, now, the better to make the World sensible of the Hardships put upon me, I would fain ask Mr. Marten, what it is that makes him assume an Authority, or challenge a Prerogative of treating me thus scurvily? whether in the Quality of a *Physician*, or of a *Chyrurgeon*, or of a *Practitioner* in the *Venercal Disease*? In the Quality of a *Physician* I hope he will scarce appear so barefac'd, as to assume a Title which he knows
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does not belong to him no more than the Power and Judgment in such like Cases annex'd and appertaining to that honourable Profession ; tho', if you look well into his Book, you will find him not only frequently encroach upon their Prerogatives, but also take a great deal of Liberty of censuring their Practice, whereof I will give you but one Instance at this Time, among many others, which I reserve for a more convenient Time and Opportunity.

The Instance I speak of, relates to Dr. Cockburn a Physician, who has rendered his Name as well as Practice remarkable by his most ingenious Treatise of *Sea Diseases*, and his extraordinary Cures both at home and abroad : This Gentleman, who both by his Learning and honourable Station in the World, one would have thought above the Reach and Reflections of an intruding Chyrurgeon, yet has not been able to escape his pretended Censures, and sly Insinuations ; for, after having inserted a practical Case of the said Doctor concerning a virulent *Gonorrhœa* contracted by an impure Copulation, and attended after some short Time with a *Chaude Pisse*, a *Cordee*, and painful Erection of the Yard, and which the said Ingenious Gentleman said he cured at Sea with all its Appendages, in a Fortnight, without *Mercury*, *Mercurial Preparations*, *Turpentine*, *Injections*, &c. our good Chyrurgeon has the Boldness

Boldness to give him the Lye, if not in plain Terms, at least in Effect or by Craft, as the common Saying is, by putting the Title of a *Miracle* upon it ; for says he in *Latin* (doubtless to shew his Parts, tho' we shall see anon that he is no great Conjuror at that neither) *De miraculis nunc credat quicunq; vult, i. e.* In good plain *English*, *Let those that are fond of Miracles believe them, for my part, I do not ;* and for fear you should mistake his true Meaning, he is not ashamed to add, *I wish I cou'd add my Ipse dixit ;* tho' soon after, to palliate in some Measure his Presumption, or perhaps to shew his good Breeding, or perhaps for fear of being call'd to an Account for his Folly, he is pleased to bestow a healing Plaister upon the said worthy Gentleman, by telling the World (in a Parenthesis forsooth) *That he does not question the Doctor's Skill or Account, but believes him to be a Gentleman if Probity and Judgment.* 'Twas very cunningly done of him to keep within the *Benefit of the Clergy*, as the Proverb is ; but, I hope, the Doctor does not think himself very much oblig'd to him for his Precaution, no more than for his having honoured some of his Observations with a Place in his *Pocky Treatise*, for no other End, than that he might have an Opportunity of passing his Judgment upon them, and thereby acquire the Reputation of a Man of singular Ability in the

the Cure of the *Veneral Disease* above others, (not excepting even the regular *Physicians*) among the vulgar and ignorant sort of People.

That this is his chief Aim and Thrift, is so evident, that it needs not the least further Proof, but what is plainly deducible from his own Words in the so often mention'd Treatise of the *Veneral Disease*.

I leave it to the Judgment of any unbiass'd and judicious Person, that will take the trouble to take but a transitory View of most of those Letters inserted in his Treatise, fill'd very often with most fulsome Stuff in Praise of the *Chyrurgeon*, and said to be sent by his Patients (for which you are bound to take his Word, as he tells you in his Preface to the Book) as likewise most of those Practical Cases relating to the *Veneral Disease*, he has interspersed here and there, as well of *Physicians* as *Chyrurgeons* (for he spares none) whether they don't seem very often fram'd on purpose to magnify his own Skill by reviling, or at least censuring others? For, in the Conclusion you will find him to have met with such and such like difficult Cases in the *Veneral Disease* at sundry Times, which by his *Nostrums*, *Specifick Pills*, *Anti-venereal Powders*, and the Lord knows what other

ther hitherto unknown *Secrets*, (for which you must also take his Word as well as for all the rest) he has cured in a much *easier, shorter and safer Way*.

Some Times 'tis true he is so good natur'd, or rather cautious, as not to divulge their Names in express Words, but gives such Hints and relates his Stories under such Circumstances, as may easily give an Insight into and discover the Names of those Persons to such as had any Acquaintance with, or Knowledge of the Diseases of the Patients he speaks of; But, as for the before mention'd most learned Dr. Cockburn, it seems, he thought he needed not to take the same Measures, for no other Reason, as I verily believe, but that he judg'd him guilty of no less than a *high Misdemeanour* against his Idol *Mercury*, in saying that he had cured a Patient of a virulent Gonorrhoea in a Fortnight's Time without one Grain of *Mercury*, or *Mercurial Preparations*, and that immediately after he ranks these Preparations among those Remedies that are prescrib'd with all the uncertainty imaginable: This was a bold Stroke indeed not tamely to be taken by a Man of Honour, without taking Revenge upon those that gave it.

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Now, since he has thought fit to treat in so indifferent manner, so learned and so worthy a Physician, I ought in effect to expect much worse Treatment at his Hands, I that have been so daring as not only to call in question the *Unlimited Power* of his *Darling Mercury* in the Cure of the *Venereal Diseases*, but also to pull him from his Throne, and to banish him altogether from those Cures. This was a Crime that could not be pass'd by without a most remarkable and most sensible Animadversion in *terrorem* to terrify the rest from committing so gross and unpardonable an Error.

But to return to our former Purpose, *viz.* to enquire under what *Qualification* Mr. Marten pretends to set up his *Great Work of Physical Reformation*; it being beyond all Dispute, that he can't pretend to it under the Quality of a *Physician*, he having neither frequented any *Universities* (as far as ever I could learn) nor being dignify'd with the Title and Authority of a *College Physician*, it may be most rationally concluded, that he proposed to act this Part as a *Chyrurgeon*, to which Profession he has been educated, as I am credibly inform'd, and his Name and Title writ in *Great Letters* over his Door sufficiently testify? Now let us consider how far this *grand Design* of reforming the *Male Practise* in the *Venereal*

Venerereal Disease in relation to my self, (for it is beyond my Purpose at present to intermeddle with any other Persons or Affairs) belongs to Mr. Marten?

The *Pox* or *Venerereal Disease*, properly speaking, being an *Internal Disease*, and the *Clap*, or *virulent Gonorrhœa* it self an *Internal Ulcer*, (by his own Confession) the Cure thereof can't be said, in a strict Sense, to belong to a *Chyrurgeon*, unless you consider him under a double Qualification, viz. under that of a *Chyrurgeon*, or one that exercises his Function by *external manual Operations* and *Applications*, or that of a *Practitioner* in *Physick*, viz. one that gives sometimes *Internal Remedies* under certain Circumstances, as in the Absence of a *Physician*, in Cases of pressing Necessities, or perhaps to promote the Operations of *external Applications*, in Wounds, Ulcers, Fractures, &c. and to allay the Violence of some Symptoms that attend them.

In such like Cases as these, tho' a long continu'd Custom, and certain Acts of *Indulgence*, have entitled *Chyrurgeons* to the prescribing of *Internal Remedies*, yet is it evident from the very Nature and Origin as well of their Function as their very Name (which signifies a *Manual Operation*) and from the constant

Practice of all the civiliz'd Nations, not only in *Europe*, but also in other Parts of the World, that by this *Indulgence* of the *Law*, they were never intended to be put upon the same Level with regular Physicians, such as by their Study in the Universities, and the highest Dignity belonging to their Profession, are entitled in a most peculiar manner to the supervising and correcting, if possible, the Abuses, Errors and Miscarriages that are crept in, or daily creep in, into the Practice of *Physick*; now, as this is a Prerogative inherent and peculiar to the Dignity of a profess'd Doctor of *Physick*, (especially in Reference to Internal Diseases) and the *Venerical Disease*, is beyond all Dispute to be rank'd among the Internal ones, I can't see as yet, under what Qualification our *Grand Reformer* pretends to carry on his *Great Work*, unless it be under the Notion of a *Practitioner*, for since, notwithstanding all his specious Pretences and Flourishes, wherewith he intends to amuse the ignorant sort of People, he can't pretend to this Task as a regular Physician, being in no Way entitled to that Dignity, as we have shewn before, and it can't belong to him as he is a *Chyrurgeon* (taken in a strict Sense) it must of necessity follow that he has ventur'd upon this Task of *Physical Reformation*, under the Qualification of a *Practitioner* in *Physick*, a Function allowable to

to Chyrurgeons, as I told you before, under certain Circumstances and Limitation.

But that our honourable Chyrurgeon may not be angry or take exception at the Word *Practitioner in Physick*, I am very free to tell him, that by the Word *Practitioner* I don't understand here, nor at any other Time a *Quack*, *Mountebank*, *Fortune-teller*, or bare ignorant *Emperick*, but such a one as by his continu'd Study and Experience has div'd into and obtain'd a good Insight into, and Knowledge, if not of all, at least of some particular Diseases, and I hope he will not have any Occasion to be displeased, if I further acquaint him that, if he is convinc'd within himself, and able to make it out to the World, that he deserves this Character, it is as much as reasonably he can pretend to, without aiming at those things that don't belong to his Province; and now I wou'd fain know, what it is that could move him to take upon him a Preminency of branding those that think themselves and are actually not inferiour to his *Worship* in any thing, but more especially in Reference to the Knowledge and Cure of the *Venerreal Disease* (this being at present the Subject of our Dispute) with such scandalous Names, and malicious personal Reflections he is not able to make good? He is very free in putting me in the

same Rank with those that no Body knows who they are, nor what they practise, but at the same Time does not say one Word from whence he himself got, or unto whom he stands indebted for his great profound Knowledge (forsooth) and for his *Nostrums*, &c. He tells you indeed of a certain Diet Drink against the Venereal Disease of his Master's Master's, which he had leave to copy, but says little or nothing of his own Master, for fear perhaps the World might discover some of his Secrets, Specifick Pills, Anti-venereal Powders, Mercurial Preparations, &c. which by the Character he gives them, he would (as it seems) have pass'd for Remedies of his own Invention, because, if you take a narrow View of most of the Venereal Cases of other Physicians, Chyrurgeons, Apothecaries or Practitioners (for they are all alike to him in that Respect) you will find him come at the End with a certain Story of his own, containing some marvellous Cure perform'd by him, and by his *Nostrums*, far exceeding, (if you will take his Word for it) any of those he had occasion to mention before.

But to put the Saddle upon the right Horse, it is evident he must have acquir'd his Knowledge and Skill as well as his Medicinal Remedies either from his Master or some Body else, or by his own Study and Experience. I think I may say

say it without Vanity; (because 'tis he himself that puts me upon a Necessity of doing it, and I judge I have sufficiently made it out before) that in either of these two Points he can't challenge the least Prerogative before me. I may say it without the least Prejudice to the Reputation of either of his *Master*, or *Master's Master*, that the Persons I mention'd before, under whose Direction and Tuition I was train'd up to the Study as well as the Practice (of certain *Diseases* especially) might have (whilst alive) compared with him in all and every Point they could ever pretend to. If Mr. *Marten* pretends to set up for his own Studies and Experience, as by a hundred Passages in his late Treatise, it is more than probable he does; he will also in that Point find himself very much mistaken in his own Accounts. For if he boasts of twenty Years Experience, I may with no less Reason value myself upon the Practice of above double that Time, twenty five Years whereof I have spent in this Kingdom and in this City. If he sets up for his *Chymical Nostrums* what Reason can he give, why another, that has been train'd up under some of the best *Chymists* of their Time, and has study'd and practis'd that Art for so many Years, should not be able to make or direct as good and useful Chymical Preparations as himself? It being cer-

tain that after all is said, the Advancement of Chymistry is chiefly owing to *Tradition* and *Industry*.

I suppose his last Refuge will be his own Studies and Natural Ingenuity ; but I pray any one to judge with what Face a Man can pretend to acquire more by his Studies and Ingenuity in twenty Years than another in forty, unless he can give most unquestionable Proofs of it, which I am sure, in the Judgment of all unbyass'd and judicious Persons, he has not been able to do hitherto, especially in the *Venereal Disease*, notwithstanding his specious Pretensions in his late *Treatise*, which may indeed serve to amuse the Ignorant, but will never take with the wiser and knowing Part of the Nation.

He values himself doubtless at a very high Rate upon his *Latin* Scraps he has brought in by Head and Shoulders, and oftentimes to very little Purpose, God knows, all over his Book, to make a Shew of Learning, but those that are vers'd in the true Knowledge of that Language, and have taken the Pains to peruse his late *Treatise* of the *Venereal Disease*, are sufficiently convinc'd that he left his *Latin* School too soon, and that it had been much more Prudence in him to have been silent, or at least modest in a thing which was as yet above his Capacity, than

than to meddle with Edge-Tools, and so to cut his Fingers. I will give you only two or three Instances of his extraordinary Skill in *Latin* at this Time out of his own Book, which among many others to be found there, may serve as Patterns to those that will perhaps scarce think it worth their While to peruse and look after them; Thus in the sixth Edition of his Treatise of the *Venerereal Disease*, Chap. 1. p. 41. after having told us a long Story of a Gentleman and his Wife, whom he says he had cur'd of the *foul Disease*, he proceeds to inform us that the Gentleman being still persuaded, that he felt some certain Symptoms of his late Distemper, came to him (Mr. Marten) *in terrorem* in a *Fright*, complaining of this and that Symptom, &c. A Man must needs be an indifferent *Latinist*, not to know that the Phrase *in terrorem* was never us'd by any authentick or knowing *Latin* Author in that Sense, as he is pleased to put it here; for to do an Action *in terrorem* is in order to frighten or to deterr others, as Criminals and other Transgressors of the Laws are punish'd in publick, to deterr and serve as an Example to others, but to say that a Man comes to another in a *Fright* or *Frighted*, and to express it by these two Words *in terrorem*, was never thought

true Sense in *Latin*, instead of which he ought to have made use of the Word *Terrefactus* or *Perterrefactus*. If Mr. Marten had consulted his Dictionary, he would have been convinc'd of the Truth of what I say, and avoided this Blunder, which at first Sight I look'd upon as an Error of the Press, but seeing that he had given the Explanation of it himself, and repeated it in several Editions, I could not but conclude it must be for want of being fully acquainted with the *Genius* and Nature of the *Latin* Language.

When I reflected upon this remarkable Mistake, I could not but commend Mr. Marten's prudent Precaution in relation to his Translation (as he calls it) of Dr. Greenfield's Treatise of the *safe Internal Use of Cantharides*, &c. out of *Latin*, for in his Advertisement (annex'd to his late sixth Edition) of the said Translation, he has thought fit very sagely to add, that it was translated into English with the Doctor's Approbation, for fear the World should fancy (as well they might) that without his supervising it, it would not come up to the Original.

In the first Chapter of the same Treatise of the *Venerical Disease* in the sixth Edition, after having given us divers Relations of hypochondriack Persons, he concludes with these Words; *Several more of these unhappy People I could mention, many of them so bad as to be hurried by the perplexi-*
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ty (*torrenti similis*) to almost *Desperation*, where it is evident that the Word *Similis* ought not to be used in the *Singular* but in the *Plural* Number, because it has a plain Relation to the preceeding Words *several more and many of them*, which the least School-boy knows to be spoken always in the *Plural* Number, and that this Mistake does not lie at the Printer's Door is manifest from thence, that it is the same both in the fifth and sixth Edition of the said Treatise.

In the first Chapter of the before mention'd Treatise, in the eighth Edition, p. 29. speaking concerning the several Ways of taking the *Venereal Infection*, and the Symptoms that attend it, according to the various Dispositions of the Humours of the Body, he gives us this Emphatical *Latin* Sentence; *Secundum Corporis habitudo*, which every Body that has but a slender smack of *Latin* knows ought to have been according to its natural and true Grammatical Construction; *Secundum Corporis habitudinem*; 'Tis true that this Error had been corrected in the last sixth Edition of the said Treatise, but considering that an Error of the same Nature, and in very near the same Words and Sense occurs in the second Chapter of the said Treatise in the same fifth Edition, viz. Where he speaks of the Cure of the *Venereal Disease*, and says that it ought to be considered and undertaken according

according to the Nature of the Infection, and Constitution, Strength and Temperament of the Patient, and whether he be in *bona vel mala Corporis habitudo*, instead of *habitudine*; considering, I say, that this is a Blunder of the same Nature, and in the same Words, in two different Passages, it is not very probable that this was a *Typographical Error*, but that the Author being convinc'd of this gross Error by some of his Friends that were better *Grammarians* and *Latinists* than himself, since the Publication of the fifth Edition of his so often mention'd Treatise, thought it high time to correct it in his last: If what I have heard some affirm be Matter of Fact, (tho' I won't affirm it for a positive Truth, having had neither Time nor Opportunity to peruse all his former Editions) *viz.* that the same Words are extant in some of the preceding Editions of his Treatise, the thing is beyond all dispute.

I can't forbear however upon this Occasion to give our *honourable Friend* and *Patron* Mr. Marten this Caution and good Advice, that since he is so fond of interlarding his Writings with *Latin Sentences* and other cramp Words to puzzle the poor ignorant Multitude, that he ought to take the Advice in this Point at least of some better versed in the *Latin Language* than himself, for fear of running

running into the same Inconveniencies (I have just now mention'd, and divers others I thought fit to pass by in Silence for Brevity's sake) for the future. 'Tis pity that the same Gentleman who oblig'd him with the *Latin Poem* he has put in the Front of his Book, and in which he is stil'd the *Priest of Apollo, the Conqueror, or Death of Death; the Preserver and Champion of Life,* and his Book a *Library* for the *Learned,* with abundance more of such like fulsome Stuff; 'tis pity, I say, that instead of those so ill plac'd *Poetical Flights,* he had not had the Perusal of the *Latin Sentences* and Words in his Book before it was published, that so he might have alter'd the Errors in which doubtless he would have done his *quondam* Doctor a much greater Piece of Service than all his *Poetical Rhetorick,* which he has so plentifully bestow'd upon him can amount to. I hope Mr. Marten according to his wonted Generosity, did take no very considerable Reward for his Cure, tho' it must be confels'd it is none of the least remarkable to set upright an old Member of fifty seven Years after it has lain *dormant* for many Years before, and to enable it to beget Children again. This puts me in mind of what I had forgot, or rather neglected to mention before, viz. That
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our Chyrurgeon out of his singular Bounty to my Person, among other Titles is also pleased to bestow that of a Restorer of Maidenheads upon me; truly with I was as well acquainted with that Art as he would make us believe he is with that of Restoring old decay'd Members, and render them prolifick again, and I don't see why I should not follow so beneficial an Employment as well as he does the other, since I reckon we have an equal Title to both, (for the Case he mentions I suppose was not Venereal) and I will be so generous as to offer this Equivalent to Mr. Marten, that, if he will publish his Art of making old Folks beget Children afresh (because the Couple he mentions were such, The Woman having liv'd many Years out of all Expectation of having any more Children by her languid membred Husband of fifty seven Years old) for the publick Good, I will do the same with mine, what I know of the Art of restoring Maidenheads, tho' I can't promise the World the same Success, having never made any Experiment of that kind in all my Life.

But to return to Mr. Marten's Ingenuity, if his Intention was to shew his Ingenuity and Ability in the true Knowledge of the Nature and various Qualifications of the Venereal Disease, its Remedies

medes and their due Applications, I had
 open'd him a very ample Field wherein
 to exercise his Talent, and to shew his
 Parts, without having recourse to malici-
 ous personal Invectives, Reflections and
 false Suggestions; why did not Mr. Mar-
 ten when he takes so much Pains, and
 lets not the least Opportunity slip, nay even
 brings it in very often by Head and Shoul-
 ders, to set out his Ability and Parts up-
 on all other Occasions, lay hold also of
 this, when he saw himself attack'd and
 wounded in his most tender Part, I mean
 in the Person of his *Idol Mercury*? Why
 did he not give a rational (or a proba-
 ble Answer at least to the Objections,
 and Arguments that were alledg'd against
 the Abuse of *Mercury* and *Mercurial Pre-*
parations in the Cure of the *Venereal Dis-*
ease? Why did not our ingenious and
 learned Authors think fit to enter upon a
 particular Discussion of those Answers in-
 serted in the sixth Chapter of the second
 Book of my Treatise, entitled *The Scourge*
of Venus and Mercury, to the chief Ar-
 guments of the Patrons of *Mercury* in the
 Behalf of its Preparations and *Mercurial*
Salivations for the *Venereal Disease*? Why
 did he not take some particular Notice
 of the two Stories related in the next
 following seventh Chapter of the same
 second Book of the said Treatise, con-
 cerning two ill cured Foxes by repeated Sa-
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livations, as well as some other *Practical Cases* relating to the same Point; and bearing very hard upon some that set up for invincible Champions of *Mercury*? Why did not he, I say, enter into a strict Examination of what has been said and asserted in the second Chapter of the third Book of the same Treatise, concerning the *Mercurial*, or *Symptomatic*, or *Bastard Pox*, and concerning its Cure and Symptoms in the following sixth Chapter? All these being Matters of such a Nature and Consequence as might furnish him with sufficient Opportunity (one would think) to shew his Parts, what reason can he give, why instead of resolving them by the Strength of Arguments, and a rational Experience, he should answer them by reviling Words and personal Reflections? And to make up the rest to threaten me to be silenc'd by his *Hall*. I never took the Pains to enquire unto what *Hall* he actually belong'd, whether to *Braziers*, or any other *Hall*, but if he means *Chyrurgeons Hall*, he shoots quite besides the Mark, for I never had the least Inclination to that Function, or ever practis'd it in all my Life Time.

I am apt to believe there is something in what I have heard some say, that know more of him than I pretend to do, *viz.* That his *Idol Mercury* has not of late been

been so good and great a *Benefactor* to him as he used to be formerly, perhaps he is out of Humour, and in one of his sullen Fits, because Mr. Marten, tho' he has espous'd his Cause very cordially, yet has not done it so effectually as might be expected from a *Man of such extraordinary Parts* as some in the World suppose him to be, and who has such signal Obligations to his Patron. For, whether it be that he thinks this *Point in Contest* below his *exalted Station*, or *beyond his Reach*, I will not pretend to determine at this time, but certain it is, that he is as silent as a *Mouse upon that Account* himself, but tells us however of *some Body*, I know not *who*, that is to do strange Things in Answer to my late Treatise of the *Venereal Disease*, entitled *The Scourge of Venus and Mercury*, for which we are bound to take *This Word*, as we must do in most other things he is pleased to tell us, till the Event convinces us, whether it will prove a Story of *Parturiunt Montes* or not.

But to return once more to more serious Considerations; Mr. Marten that he might not seem to dwell altogether upon empty Words and personal Reflections, in his late sixth Edition of his Treatise of the *Venereal Disease* as well as in his late *Appendix* to the said Treatise, entitled *A New System of all the*

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secret Infirmities and Diseases, &c. of Men and Women, in the Preface he endeavours to charge me with Mismanagement of *Veneral Patients*, but that in such general Terms, and under such odd and incoherent Circumstances as are sufficient to convince the World, that these Stories are founded upon a very sandy Foundation.

I will begin with one, upon which he lays the greatest Stress, because it seems at the first Glimpse to carry something of an authentick Proof along with it, tho' upon a more narrow View it will prove a meer Phantasm to bugbear the ignorant Multitude out of their Senses, as you will see by the Sequel of the Story, and a Letter of a certain pretended Gentleman who no Body knows nor must ever know, containing in Substance, That having contracted a *Clep*, he came to the Quack in High Holbourn, (meaning me) who after having purg'd him for five or six Days, and after that given him some strengthening Medicines; he heard no more of his running Nag in three Weeks time, and so having paid him, went away well satisfy'd; but in about three Weeks after he began to be seis'd with a Pain all over his Body, which encreasing by Degrees was taken by every Body for a *Rheumatism*; he was advised to take
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' some *Venice Treacle*, which he did, and
 ' thereupon his Body breaking out in
 ' Blotches, which turn'd to white Scabs,
 ' he advis'd with a Physician, who told
 ' him he had the *Pox*, and order'd him
 ' some things for the present, which had
 ' such an Effect as to enable him to go
 ' in a Coach to that D——d *Quack* that
 ' *Pox'd* him, to shew him his present
 ' Condition; but that he (P——gue take
 ' him) told him, he had got it afresh,
 ' and that he must drink his *Royal De-*
 ' *coction* which would cure him, but that
 ' he d——d the *Quacks* Ignorance and
 ' Knavery, and with some hearty C——ses,
 ' left him, wishing him to have his
 ' Distemper. That the next Day upon
 ' telling his Physician the whole Story,
 ' he laugh'd at his Folly, that he should
 ' be drawn in and bubbled by one of
 ' the most notorious Quacks of the Town,
 ' and advis'd him at the same time to
 ' be salivated, and that by Mr. *Marten*,
 ' he being a Man of Judgment and Ho-
 ' nour. He then proceeds in his Letter
 ' with an Appointment to Mr. *Marten* to
 ' meet him at seven a Clock at Night,
 ' desiring him with a great deal of Ear-
 ' nestness not to enquire either who he
 ' was, or the Physician's Name that re-
 ' commended him, and at last adds these
 ' Words: ' Why do you and others of the
 ' Profession suffer such a *Dog* to live un-
 ' der

' der your Noses, send him a packing
 ' with a P——x to him to his own Coun-
 ' try to kill the People with his d——d
 ' *Turpentine* and devilish Concoction, for
 ' I have been told he has spoil'd several.
 ' One Thing more, *adds he*, I have to re-
 ' quest of you, that you would not let this
 ' be seen by any, but burn it as soon as you
 ' have read it, &c.

Before I come to my own Justification,
 you must understand that this Letter was
 inserted to back a Story of his own, con-
 cerning a certain *young Fellow*, whose malign-
 ant Running he says I stop'd with a Pint
 Bottle of *Turpentine* Drink, and a Powder,
 and threw the Malignity of the *Vene-
real Humour* upon one of the Testi-
 cles which thereby was inflam'd and ren-
 dered painful, which our *Doctor Chyrur-
geon* says he remedy'd. Now before I
 enter upon any further Particulars in re-
 lation to these two Stories, and the o-
 ther malicious Remarks he has made up-
 on them, I most solemnly protest by all
 that is good and sacred, before God
 and Man, that under those Circumstan-
 ces as he relates the Matter, I don't in
 the least remember any thing of those
 two Cases, as he states them here, which
 I must needs do, were they actually Mat-
 ter of Fact, in the same manner as he has
 inserted them in the before mention'd
 Preface, especially in the last, which be-
 ing

ing but a few Weeks ago, and attended (as he tells us) with such rude Expressions from the Patient to my self. I must of necessity remember, being never used to hear such sort of Language from my Patients, and to the best of my Knowledge never deserv'd it ; at the same time I declare that if Mr. *Marten* will make out what he has alledg'd upon this Head, so as to be judg'd by any unbyass'd Person to be undoubted Matter of Fact, I am ready either to own it, or else give unquestionable Reasons for my Justification.

After this solemn Protestation, and the several other false and unjust Aspersions, Mr. *Marten* has thought fit to cast upon me, who could blame me if I should look upon this Letter as a fictitious one, inserted only to blast my Reputation, but since this would be striking at the very Root and Foundation of his whole Book, and that he is so courteous as to intreat his Reader in the Preface to it, to take his Word for what he says ; I will be so Complaisant for once as to take it for granted, that such a Letter was sent to him ; now I desire any unbyass'd Judge duly to weigh the Matter, whether a Letter sent by such a *Debauchee*, whose Character appears every where throughout his whole Letter both in his Actions and vile Expressions, and who, after all this

is so very careful to conceal both his own and his pretended Physician's Name, to the Person to whom he apply'd himself, and from whom he hopes for a present Cure, ought to be brought up against a Man in such a manner to vilify him and his Reputation, unless some further Circumstances could be alledg'd and produc'd to verify its Authority. For my part, I can make no better Construction of the Matter, than that if such a Letter was actually sent to Mr. *Marten*, it was done perhaps by one who understanding that our *Chyrurgeon* being netled at certain Matters of Fact inserted in my late Treatise of the *Venereal Disease*, and having got a Clap which by ill Management being turn'd into a *Pox*, was resolv'd to father this Miscarriage upon me, to curry Favour with his new Chyrurgeon, in hopes thereby to come off with him at a cheaper Rate than those most commonly do, that have the Misfortune to fall in these Cases under his Hands; or else the whole might be a Contrivance of some of my Enemies (as scarce any Body in this World is without them) to render my Person and Practice odious, and knowing that Mr. *Marten* was preparing something for the Press, and that he had taken a particular Grudge against me on account of my before mention'd Treatise, they set this Debauchee at

at work, not questioning but that Mr. Marten would not fail to take this Opportunity of being even with me (as far as he was able) and insert it in his *Appendix*, as actually he has done.

Upon this Occasion I am once more oblig'd to appeal to my unbiass'd and judicious Readers, I mean such of them as either have or will take the Pains to take but a cursory View of the seventh Chapter of the first Book of my late Treatise, entitled *The Scourge of Venus and Mercury*: Those I am sure that will give themselves the Trouble only to peruse that Chapter treating of the *irregular Methods made use of in the Cure of the virulent Gonorrhœa by Adstringents, Balsamicks, &c. with the true Method of curing it, and the various Prescriptions for the same Cure*, will soon be convinc'd that the *Turpentine* and *Turpentine Drinks* mention'd in Mr. Marten's before said Cases are meer Fictions, it being evident from this as well as the following Chapters, that the curing of the *virulent Gonorrhœa* by *Adstringents* and *Balsamicks* (being the two chief Qualities belonging to *Turpentine*) has been represented there as irregular and pernicious, and that the chief Cause of the most violent Symptoms which so often are the Attendants or Consequences of those irregular Methods, such as *Shankers, Warts, the Phymesis and Paraphymosis*,

phymosis, the Venereal Rupture, Inflammations of the Testicles, &c. has been attributed there to the unseasonable and too frequent Use of *Adstringents* and *Balsamicks*, and that a peculiar Caution has been given against the Use of *Turpentine*; from thence it will be apparent also beyond all Contradiction, that the Remedies prescrib'd in that Part of the Chapter which treats of the true Method of Curing the virulent *Gonorrhoea*, being such as consist of *saline*, *alkalious* and *diuretick* Particles (to answer the true Indication of expelling the *Venereal Venom* through the *Yard*) are so far from having the least Relation to *Turpentine*, that in all the Prescriptions you see there, you will meet with not as much as one Grain of *Turpentine* no more than you do of *Mercury*.

Now how is it possible to conceive, that a Man at the same time, that he had been but just writing or publishing these Prescriptions (founded upon his own Experience for the most part) should act directly and diametrically opposite to what he writes, unless you must at the same time suppose him to be the vilest Impostor in the Universe.

For if a Man commits an Error out of Ignorance, it may admit of some Excuse, but to act contrary to ones own Knowledge, nay even to ones own Interest,

est, and that to the manifest Detriment of ones Neighbour, is the Character not only of a Fool, but also of a Knave.

Mr. *Marten* is pleased to oblige his Reader with another most frivolous Story concerning a certain Gentleman, who by drinking my *Decoction* was brought into an *involuntary Emission of Urine*; I profess I know no more of this Patient than of the two former, (at least not as he relates it) but supposing the Gentleman when he came to him, was afflicted with an *involuntary Emission of Urine*, how is he sure it was the Effect of my *Decoction*? or that his Case was not *Venereal*, as he is pleased to aver; but supposing him to be in the Right as to the Last, perhaps the Case of this Gentleman when he apply'd himself to me, (which I remember not he did, as I told you before) was such as might give both him and me sufficient Reason to suspect and conclude that it was *Venereal*; was it not a prudent Precaution in me to direct my Cure accordingly, a Caution Mr. *Marten* himself as well as several others have given in their Writings.

Our generous *Chyrurgeon* not to be wanting in his so much boasted of Charity to the *suffering Patients*, has besides this given us some Stories of a *Cock* and a *Bull*

concerning certain other Cases, wherein, if you will believe him, I mistook a *scorbatick Habit* of Body, in a *hypochondriack* Person for the *Veneréal Disease*, and that of a *Gleet* after a *Clap*, and another of a Man and his Wife that were troubled with the *Itch*, &c. all which, as he tells you, prov'd unsuccessful under my Hands, but, to be sure, were soon cured by himself; and that is the Cream of the Jest; for, were it not for that *Appendix* he would certainly have been asham'd to insert such frivolous Stuff, which, under those Circumstances fram'd for his own Purpose, no Body in the World is able to answer; for, who is able to prove a *Negative*? So that I judge I have done too much already in answering some of those Things in part, and don't think my self oblig'd in the least to insist any further upon any one or any part of either of them, looking upon them like meer Calumnies, Falsties, and malicious Inventions, till he can make out what he alledges against me in all those before mention'd Points by unquestionable Circumstances and Proofs, in the same manner as I intend anon, to give him an undeniable Instance of his Mismanagement of a *Virulent Gonorrhœa* of a certain Patient of his (since under my Cure) who has given me very lately a Certificate thereof under his own Hand, and not by Letters

Letters from God knows who, of a nameless Person, and a Debauchee, in all Respects, and who desires his railing Letters to be burnt as soon as it comes to his *Doctor Chyrurgeon's* Hands; and I promise and engage, that whenever Mr. *Marten* dares to venture upon such a Proof, in relation to those *Venerreal Cases*, he produces against me, I will be oblig'd to give him all due Satisfaction, as to my Affairs, and give him some more Bones to pick in reference to his own, some of which, if I mistake not, may stick as close betwixt his Teeth as those do I have given him some Hints of in my late Treatise of the *Venerreal Disease*, and do which I intend to explain more at large inconvenient Time, but will forbear at present for Reasons of State and Brevity's sake, being unwilling to fall into the same Error which is so blameable in others, viz. to alledge that against another Man which can't be prov'd beyond all Contradiction.

However, before I part with our *Chyrurgeon*, I can't forbear to say also a Word or two concerning his Reflections upon my late so often mention'd Treatise of the *Venerreal Disease* in general, (for he takes special Care not to enter upon any Particulars) viz. That great part of it is his Book of the *Venerreal Disease* abridg'd, that I have transcrib'd in many Places

Places the very Words and Sentences, and disposed many of the Paragraphs in the same Order as his are which is such Plagiarism, &c. (he means Plagiarism good Man) *risum tenentur Amici*; it would make a Man laugh to some Purpose to see a Man who has patch'd up a considerable Volume by inserting whole Sheets of other Mens Works, (chiefly to give his own some Authority and Lustre) by quoting the Sentences of an almost numberless Number of Authors without the least Order or Method, by stuffing his Book with other Peoples frivolous and sometimes most fulsome Letters, brought in by Head and Shoulders to serve a Turn, and with so many Digressions often foreign to, or at least far distant from the Matter in Hand; I say it would make a Man laugh heartily to see one that has by these Means brought a small Tract into a great Volume, whereof the fifth or sixth Part is scarce his own, to charge another with *Plagiarism*, without giving the least Proof or Instance of it in any one particular; but this it seems, as he tells us, is reserv'd for a higher Hand, and Mr. Marten has been so gracious as to give that worthy Gentleman some Hints in order to render this great Design the more Compleat, which what it will prove Time will discover, in the mean while; 'tis hop'd that our good natur'd Chyrurgeon will not be

so

so lavishing in his *Hints* to this worthy
 Gentleman as he has been in compiling and
 collecting his *Stories* and *Letters* in his
 Treatise of the *Venerical Disease*, for if
 he should it would rather be taken by
 some for his than the before mention'd
 worthy Gentleman's; but be that as it will;
 if we may judge by the Advertisement
 publish'd concerning it in the News Pa-
 per, it will doubtless prove a Piece of an
 extraordinary Nature; whenever this Mat-
 ter is brought to the Test, we shall no
 doubt be able to convince the understand-
 ing World that we have in this Point
 (I mean the borrowing from others) been
 more reserv'd than Mr. *Marten*; and if I
 have made use of some of the same Au-
 thors cited by him in his *Treatise* upon cer-
 tain Occasions, (and that not very often
 neither) what reasonable Exception can he
 take against it, since their Books being in
 Print, was not I at liberty as well as him-
 self, and any others, to alledge and im-
 prove them for publick Instructions; those
 worthy Gentleman that writ them having
 publish'd them beyond all Dispute for the
 common Good, and not for Mr. *Marten's*
 peculiar Use and Interest. If some of his
 own Words, Sentences, &c. have been
 brought in among the rest, he might
 easily have guess'd at the Meaning of it,
 if he had not been so much blinded with
 Prejudice as it seems he is, viz. to beat
 him

him with his own Weapons, which if he has not handled to the best Advantage, he must blame himself and not others, if they have given him some home blows which he was not able to ward.

But to draw to a Conclusion of a Tract, which considering its Contents, can't but be tedious to the Reader, I will take my Leave for this Time of my gracious Patron, Mr. Marten, so soon as I have discharg'd my Promise of inserting an authentick *Venereal Case* under his Cure, (tho' without Success) some Years ago with a Certificate of the Patient's annex'd to it, which he has engag'd to make good and justify, when Occasion offers: The Story is thus:

A Gentleman entring into a Carnal Commerce with a Woman infected with the *Venereal Disease*, contracted a slight virulent *Gonorrhœa*, which soon after his impure Copulation, discover'd it self in a Running only, without any violent Symptoms. By the Recommendation of one of his Acquaintance he apply'd himself to our infallible Doctor Chyrurgeon, who after having tamper'd with him (doubtless by his *Nostrums*, *Specificks*, &c.) for near ten Weeks, stop'd the *Venereal Running*, as soon after appear'd by his being seiz'd with a most intolerable Pain in his Head, which could not be remov'd or allay'd by all the Remedies that were made use of for that Purpose. Upon this he returns to

to our Chyrurgeon, who to afford him the best Comfort he could after he had taken Five Pounds Sterling of him before for his pretended Cure of the *Clap*, now was so kind as to tell him that he must be salivated, and that he must have ten Pounds more for the doing of it ; but the Gentleman having not so great an Opinion of this *quondam Doctor* as he ought to have had to venture his Money and Carcass once more with him, took the Advice of another, but with such ill success, that after having devour'd a great Quantity of *Mercury* for two Years successively, he was so far from being in the least the better for it, that when he came to me he was afflicted with almost insupportable Pains all over his Body, and with the most putrid *Gleet* that ever I saw in my Life. I treated him in the same manner as I did those under the same Circumstances mention'd in my *Practical Cases* in the fourth Book of my *Scourge of Venus and Mercury*, and in less than a Month's Time restor'd him to perfect Health, in which he has continu'd ever since. And, that every Body may be convinc'd, that my Intention, is to deal with Mr. *Marten* upon much more honourable Terms than he does with me, and without the least Shadow of Prevarication, I give you here the Copy of a Certificate under the said Patient's own Hand, which I am ready to produce, and he to justify, as you will see by

by the Words of the *Certificate* it self, which is *Verbatim* thus:

‘ I was with Mr. *Marten* above two
‘ Months, and he had above five Pounds
‘ of me, and he stop’d the Running that I
‘ had, and then found that it turn’d to the
‘ Pox, and he would have ten Pounds of me
‘ to salivate me, but I did not think it fit
‘ to proceed any further with him; this I
‘ will testify if Occasion serves. Given un-
‘ der my Hand, T. C.

We will leave Mr. *Marten* to crack this Bone, and if he digests this kindly, we will find out some others which will certainly try both the Strength of his Teeth and Stomach.

At parting we will nevertheless by way of Farewel give him a short Story or two of the Effects of his *Idol Mercury*.

A certain Brickmaker in the very Vigour of his Age having contracted a *virulent Gonorrhœa*, apply’d himself to a certain *Mercurial Champion* (who shall be nameless at this Time) who indeed at last stop’d his Running, but the *Mercurial Venom* taking its Residence in his Lungs, brought him by Degrees in seven Years Time into so deep a Consumption, that his Life was despair’d of, in spite of the Advice of several learned Physicians, who being unacquainted with the true Cause of his Distemper (which
he

he concealed) could not direct their Cures as the true Nature of the Case requir'd. When he came to me, he was reduc'd to so feeble a Condition, that he could scarce stand or go without help, but I finding the Case *Vene-
real* by his own Confession, I treated him as such, and perfectly cur'd him of this *Symp-
tomatical Mercurial Consumption* in thirty Days Time.

A certain Gentlewoman, that by Mis-
management had been thrown into a con-
summated *Pox*, apply'd herself to several
Country *Pretenders*, who treated her with
Mercurial Vomitives and *Purgatives*, which if
they served to give her some Respite or
Intervals from Pain at certain Times, at last
produc'd more dangerous Effects and Symp-
toms than the *Pox* it self, her Body being
cover'd all over with most putrid and fœtid
Ulcers, some of which turn'd to Fistula's,
and a Child of hers which she had brought
into the World, during her Cure, was also
infected with the *Pox*; in this Extremity
she comes to me, and despairing of a Cure,
ask'd me whether I thought she was cure-
able or not, and upon my Assurance given
her that she was, consented to begin the
Cure, which was done, and both she and
the Child restored to perfect Health in less
than a Month's Time.

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